CLAIMS:

1.   A method for providing information associated with a location of a target user in a location service arrangement comprising a plurality of location service entities, the method comprising the steps of:

sending a request for information associated with a location of a target user from a first location service entity to a second location service entity;

informing the second location service entity of a role performed by the second location service entity when processing the request; and

processing the request at the second location service entity.

2.   A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of including information regarding the role of the second location service entity in the request.

3.   A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the informing step comprises selecting the role of the second location service entity from at least one of a home location service entity, a visited location service entity and a combination of a home and visited location service entities.

4.   A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving at the first location service entity a request for location information and subsequently sending the request from the first service entity to the second location service entity.

5.   A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the sending step comprises sending the request from the first location service entity which initiates roaming location services.

6.   A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of sending information from the second location service entity to a third location

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service entity regarding the role performed by the third location service entity when processing a request from the second location service entity.

7.   A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

informing the second location service entity to perform the role of a home location server when processing the request from the first location service entity;

performing a privacy policy check at the second location service entity; and

preventing the processing step from processing the request for location information in response to a failed privacy policy check.

8.   A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sending step comprises sending the request from the first location service entity comprising a receiving location server to the second location service entity comprising the home location server of the target user.

9.   A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the sending information step comprises sending information to the third location service entity comprising a visited location server.

10.   A location service entity for a location information service arrangement comprising a plurality of location service entities configured to process requests for location information, the location information entity being configured to request for information associated with a location of a target user from a further location service entity and to inform the further location service entity of a role the further location service entity performs when processing the request.

11.   A location service entity as claimed in claim 10, wherein a location service entity is configured to add information into the request regarding the role the further location service entity performs.

12.   A location service entity as claimed in claim 10, wherein a location service entity is configured to select the role of the further location service entity from at least one of a home location service entity, a visited location service entity and a combination of a home and visited location service entities.

13.   A location service entity as claimed in claim 10, wherein a location service entity is configured to initiate roaming location services.

14.   A location service entity as claimed in claim 13, further comprising a receiving location server.

15.   A location service entity as claimed in claim 10, further comprising a home location server.

16.   A location service for providing information associated with the users of a communication system, comprising a plurality of location service entities configured to process requests for location information, wherein a first location information entity is configured to request for information associated with a location of a target user from a second location service entity and to inform the second location service entity of a role in which the first location service expects a second location service to process a request, and the second location information entity is configured to proceed with the processing of the request if the second location information entity can provide an expected role.

17.   A location service as claimed in claim 16, wherein the first location service entity is configured to initiate roaming location services.

18. A location service as claimed in claim 17, wherein the first location service entity comprises a receiving location server.

19. A location service as claimed in claim 18, wherein the second location service entity comprises a home location server of the target user, the home location server being configured to inform a third location service entity regarding the role the third location service entity performs when processing a request for location information from the home location server.

20. A location service as claimed in claim 16, wherein the first location service entity comprises a home location server.

21. A location service entity comprising:

sending means for sending a request for information associated with a location of a target user from a first location service entity to a second location service entity;

informing means for informing the second location service entity of a role performed by the second location service entity when processing the request; and

processing means for processing the request at the second location service entity.

22. A location service entity as claimed in claim 21, further comprising including means for including information regarding the role of the second location service entity in the request.